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## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

**Weather Record.**  
At Bingham's drug store, for the week ending  
July 4, 1888.

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday	67	47
Friday	79	47
Saturday	74	50
Sunday	76	49
Monday	77	49
Tuesday	80	46
Wednesday	87	47

## NEW ADS. IN THIS PAPER.

W. F. Kelley—House for Sale.  
W. F. Kelley—House for Sale.  
Mrs. D. A. Morrison—Special Millinery Sale.  
Harvey & Brown—Remnant Sale.  
Dr. E. R. Cross—Magazine Physician.  
J. E. Delano's Est.—Probate of Will.

## BRIEF LOCALS.

—There is to be a meeting of prohi-  
bitants at W. P. Stafford's office this  
evening.

—Alden Shepard was fined \$5 and  
costs for assault last week, the result  
of a row down in Fairbanks' stable.

—Mrs. Abby Burke has sold her  
house and land on Pearl street to Geo.  
Grow, who takes possession August 1.

—The Presbyterian church expects  
to welcome its new pastor Sunday  
when Rev. S. J. Crowe begins his min-  
istrations.

—When the county court finished  
up the normalizing business it was  
found that 55 had been naturalized and  
47 declarations filed.

—A meeting of the South church soci-  
ety is called for this evening to con-  
sider the question of repairing and im-  
proving the church edifice.

—William, 13 years old son of James  
Blewitt, charged with larceny of mon-  
ey from Frank Lynch's store, was last  
week fined \$10 and costs, total \$20,  
\$12 which he paid.

—Edward Evans, evangelist, ad-  
dressed the men's meeting Sunday af-  
ternoon with such acceptance that, in  
response to a general request, he spoke  
again Monday evening.

—Pensions have been granted the  
past week to Freedom D. Prescott of  
North Danville, William Walsh of  
Wolcott, Esther, widow of Sanford  
G. Gray of Lyndon Centre.

—The democrats will open a pub-  
lic reading room and meeting place for  
the campaign in the room formerly  
occupied by Rowell as a printing office  
in Bank block on Railroad street.

—Alvah Gile while working in Wil-  
liam Green's field on Hastings' street  
Tuesday found the dress belonging to  
Miss Jennie Gile that was stolen from  
Arthur Wilder's house two weeks ago.

—The uniforms of the St. Johnsbury  
band have been sold to the Barton  
band for \$170. By the way, there is  
an effort being made to secure the ser-  
vices of three or four good players and  
renew the St. Johnsbury band and  
orchestra.

—The Mt. Washington railway has  
begun running trains, and among the  
clouds will begin its daily appearance  
next week.—Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage  
of Brooklyn and his congregation are  
at Fabyans this week, making their  
headquarters at the Fabyan house.

—Some 15 members of Moose River  
encampment went to Woodville last  
week to assist the Littleton and  
Woodville encampments in conferring  
degrees on candidates. Among those  
present were Grand Patriarchs Lam-  
phey of N. H. and Jones of Vermont,  
Past G. P. Lane of Concord, N. H., P.  
H. P., O. H. Henderson and others.

—The Free Baptist people, who have  
been waging war on their finance ac-  
count for some weeks, have come off  
the victors by a large majority. Last  
Sunday morning they subscribed about  
\$175 toward painting and repairing  
the church edifice and the work will  
begin at once. Besides this they have  
raised more than ever before for the  
regular church expenses and everything is  
now lively.

—H. C. Bates and A. F. Nichols  
have resurrected a couple of brass cam-  
paign buttons that did service in the  
Harrison campaign of 1840 and are  
wearing them. On each button is  
represented a log cabin with a keg of  
cider hoisted up by the door. The cir-  
cle is hardly consistent with the  
"temperance" plank in the Chicago  
platform, but it tallies well enough  
with the conduct of the California  
Blaine shouters at the convention.

—In reply to question as to what has  
become of the adjourned village meet-  
ing that was to meet before July 1 to  
take action on water supply question,  
the trustees state that it has been im-  
possible to fully investigate the ques-  
tion in the time allowed. Mr. Lang

of Burlington, who was here on the  
day of the cyclone but whose investi-  
gations were interrupted by that little  
affair, will come here again as soon as  
practicable and complete his examina-  
tion and report.

## How He Dunned.

Our States Attorney is traveling  
about with his hand wrapped up in a  
sheet. It seems that while he was vi-  
olating the law yesterday in an attempt  
to fire off some pyrotechnics the combi-  
nation exploded, the concussion knock-  
ed him heels over head and his hand  
was quite seriously burned. It is a  
curious fact that doesn't call for ex-  
tended remarks that the only injury  
reported was the one to this arm of the  
law. Indeed quite extended remarks  
are said to have been made by the at-  
torney himself, who suddenly develop-  
ed a remarkable knowledge of the En-  
glish language and how she may be  
spoken in an emergency like this.

## Silver Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn Chase celebra-  
ted the twenty-fifth anniversary of  
their marriage Saturday evening at  
their residence on Main street. Be-  
sides a large number of townpeople  
were present Dr. and Mrs. Wis-  
well of Cabot, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick  
of Boston and Mrs. W. J. Jackson of  
Boston Highlands. Among the nu-  
merous and elegant presents were  
twenty-five silver dollars spread upon  
a plate bearing this inscription:  
"Twenty-five shillings of silver, from  
the families of the tribes of the South  
church." A handsome French clock  
surmounted with a bronze piece was  
presented by the boarders in the house  
and there were many lesser presents  
by family and village friends. The  
parlors were filled during the evening,  
the yard was decorated with Chinese  
lanterns, refreshments were served  
and a general good time enjoyed.

## A Narrow Escape.

John Norton met with a narrow es-  
cape Monday afternoon while driving  
the road machine. He was endeavor-  
ing to turn round at a narrow place in  
the road on Crow hill when the ma-  
chine struck a stone and thrust the  
whiffletree against one of the horses  
causing them all to run. He was  
thrown from his seat but pluckily kept  
hold of the reins until he was drawn  
over the road a distance of four or five  
rods when the reins broke. When  
picked up he was pretty thoroughly  
demoralized, but came out of it all  
right save some external bruises. Had  
he not kept his hold still further dam-  
age would have been done.

## Children's Sunday.

Children's day was observed at the  
Baptist church on Railroad street Sun-  
day evening more successfully than  
ever before. The floral decorations  
were especially attractive. An open  
Bible was represented by field daisies,  
the words "Holy Bible" by pansies,  
while the motto "God is Love" was  
worked in daisies on the wall in the  
rear of the platform. There were in-  
teresting recitations and songs by the  
little folks and a collection of \$11.15  
taken for the Baptist publication so-  
ciety. Rev. Dr. Samuel Graves of the  
Atlanta (Ga.) University preached at  
the Baptist church Sunday morning,  
taking up a collection of over \$10 for  
the work.

## At the Universalist church the day

was also given up to the children.  
Rev. Mr. Hoyt preached a sermon to  
the children in the afternoon and in  
the evening there was a concert with  
good singing and speaking by the  
children. The church was very hand-  
somely decorated.

## Bank Dividends.

All the local banks show good bal-  
ances on the right side of the ledger at  
the close of the six months business  
ending July 1. The First National de-  
clared a semi-annual dividend on Mon-  
day of 3 per cent. This bank carries  
\$2000 to premium account and \$5000  
to surplus, representing profits of the  
last six months business.

The Merchants National declared a  
semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.  
carrying \$1000 to surplus account.  
The reduction of this bank's capital  
from \$400,000 to \$300,000 took place  
July 1.

The Citizens Savings Bank and Trust  
company declared a semi-annual divi-  
dend of 3 per cent. on the capital stock  
paid in and carries to the undivided  
profit account \$4177. This bank was  
organized Feb. 1877. This is its first  
dividend declared and with the surplus  
represents a premium of 10 per cent.  
on the capital stock paid in.

The Passumpsic Savings bank will  
declare its usual semi-annual dividend  
of 2 1/2 per cent.

## Newell-Robbins.

Dr. H. L. Newell of this place and  
Hattie Della Robbins, only child of  
Wm. A. and Malinda G. Robbins of  
East Brookfield, were married at the  
home of the bride Sunday afternoon,  
Rev. Mr. Metcalf of East Brookfield  
performing the ceremony. It was a  
quiet but a very pleasant affair, only  
the immediate family friends of the  
bride and groom being present. Dr.  
and Mrs. Newell started on their wed-  
ding trip to Chicago Monday, where  
they will remain until the 8th instant,  
the Dr. representing the South church  
society of Christian Endeavor in session  
in Chicago. After that some three weeks  
will be spent visiting friends in New  
York state, returning to St. Johnsbury  
about August 1.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

C. E. Putney's family go to Kenne-  
bunkport today.

Mrs. J. W. Haskell has returned from  
a visit to her son in Brown's Valley,  
Minn.

Miss Nellie C. Tyler is spending the  
summer with relatives in Northamp-  
ton, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rice of National  
City, Cal., are the guests of P. D.  
Blodgett.

George and Perley Hazen are receiv-  
ing a visit from their mother from  
Hartford and their aunt, Mrs. Hatch,  
from St. Albans.

A cablegram received here Monday  
announced the safe arrival in Queens-  
town of Miss Persis D. Hewitt, of the  
St. Johnsbury academy.

B. Frank Harris of this place is at  
the New England conservatory of  
music this summer taking private les-  
sons on the piano forte.

Mrs. J. F. Robie and daughter of  
Charlotte, N. C., are visiting Mrs. Wm.  
Dailey and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs.  
Robie's sisters, of this place.

Mrs. Dr. Cleveland and children of  
Burlington, Kansas and Prof. Albert  
Frost and family of Pittsburg, Pa., are  
visiting their mother, Mrs. Emily Frost  
of this place.

Among the marriage notices in Itha-  
ca N. Y., papers is that of Miss Josie  
Porter, who has many friends in St.  
Johnsbury. The groom was a Mr.  
Cornell of Ithaca.

Capt. Charles A. Woodruff, formerly  
of Burke, was the orator memorial day  
at Salem, Oregon. Capt. Woodruff is  
now of the regular army and is well  
remembered by many readers.

A. C. Harvey, a St. Johnsbury man  
now in the railway excursion business  
in Boston, leaves for California to-  
morrow in charge of a party of teachers en  
route to San Francisco.

Col. F. F. Fletcher of Minneapolis is  
reported slightly better but not mate-  
rially changed. The proposed opera-  
tion is delayed until Saturday awaiting  
the presence of a physician from a dis-  
tance.

Rev. Dr. Samuel Graves of Atlanta,  
left for Holland, in this state, Monday  
where he will attend a reunion of the  
Graves family. Next week he goes  
to Detroit where his son is engaged in  
journalism.

E. B. Merriam, a former St. Johns-  
bury merchant, has moved from Mor-  
risville to his old home in Topeka, Kan-  
sas, where he has large investments.  
Mr. Merriam will move his family  
there soon and make that city his  
home.

Rev. E. T. Sanford of St. Johns-  
bury gave the charge to the people and  
Rev. J. T. Buzzell of Passumpsic assist-  
ed in the exercises at the ordination of  
Rev. Samuel B. Nobles as pastor of  
the Baptist church at Newport on  
Wednesday, June 27.

F. W. Phelps, who has been teach-  
ing Greek in Washburn college, Tope-  
ka, Kansas, for three years has just  
been made professor there in the Greek  
department. Prof. Phelps took high  
rank in his classes both at this acad-  
emy and Amherst college and is fully  
equipped for this position.

Robert Fairbanks and Herbert S.  
Carpenter were graduated from Dart-  
mouth last week, the latter giving the  
class prophecies at the class day exer-  
cises. Irving E. Sanborn, Herbert J. Wil-  
lard, John Ross, George E. Miner and  
Charles D. Hazen of this place and  
Frank Dartt and O. G. Davis of the  
Academy class of '85 are among the  
new seniors at Dartmouth.

Wallace S. Allis, A. B., a graduate  
of Yale in '84 and for four years one  
of the faculty of the Norwich (Conn.)  
free academy, has been admitted to  
the New London county bar. He will  
retain his connection with the academy  
the coming year, and is now spending  
his vacation in Europe. Mr. Allis is a  
brother of Mrs. A. L. Harby of this  
place.

Rev. C. M. Southgate's new Pilgrim  
church at Worcester, Mass., was dedi-  
cated Sunday. The edifice is 111 x 85  
feet, extreme dimensions, and will seat  
1085 people. It is of brick and brown  
stone, and is one of the handsomest  
exteriors in the city. The church cost  
\$73,000 and the furnishings \$8000.  
Mr. Southgate's many friends in St.  
Johnsbury will be glad to know that  
he is settled so pleasantly in his new  
church home. It will be remembered  
that Alfred H. Brooks, also of this  
place, is organist at this church.

## Concerning Electric Lights.

The electric light business moves  
slowly but seems likely to materialize  
sometime. The Light and Power com-  
pany met Monday evening and receiv-  
ed propositions from the Thompson-  
Houston folks and from Mr. Whitney  
of the Standard company. The former  
company agrees to put in a plant and  
run it until it pays 6 per cent. net be-  
fore it is taken. Mr. Whitney pro-  
poses to put in a plant and light the  
village with 33 arc lights, running it  
for three months without expense ex-  
perimentally. If satisfactory the plant  
is to be taken at a price before agreed  
upon. The village trustees have not  
yet taken action on this matter and the  
thing hangs fire for a little. There is  
some effort to combine the Standard  
and Power and Light companies and  
also the water power company that  
bought out the power on the Passump-  
sic below the village. But here again  
there is some failure to connect with  
the adjustment or combination of  
water rights held by the Power com-  
pany and B. G. Howe. Meanwhile the  
public is getting along very comforta-  
bly awaiting events.

## RE-UNION OF THE 8TH VERMONT.

Addresses by Gen. Stephen Thomas and  
Col. Fred E. Smith.

Some 40 or 50 of the survivors of the  
8th Vermont and a considerable num-  
ber of their friends and of the towns  
people attended the reunion of the reg-  
iment, held in Music hall Monday  
evening under the auspices of Post  
Chamberlain, Commander G. B. Bul-  
lard presided. A quartette, Messrs.  
James Bonett, Dennis May, Dr. Grow  
and Harry May, sang "The battle cry  
of freedom," and then Col. Fred Smith  
of Montpelier, the quartermaster of the  
old 8th, was introduced.

Col. Smith prefaced his address with  
brief references to the days that pre-  
ceded the war, the work of preparation  
for the struggle, the struggle itself and  
the grand result. Vermont and her  
care for her soldiers came in for special  
notice, as well as the motto of the re-  
giment, "Freedom and Unity," that af-  
terward became the nation's war cry.

But Col. Smith's special duty was the  
introduction of Gen. Thomas which  
was very handsomely done. Gen.  
Thomas, he said, was a self made man  
whose grandfather was a soldier in the  
revolution and whose father was a sol-  
dier in the war of 1812. Born at Beth-  
el in 1809; farmed out at the age of  
four; at 15 worked a year at wool card-  
ing, etc., at Post Mills for a card of  
clothes and one dollar; later engaged  
in business at Hartland where he was  
broke out though a democrat in politi-  
cians he was foremost in the defence  
of the country. His speeches were full  
of persuasive force and eloquence; his  
man soon became a household word  
in the state. Col. Smith in behalf  
of the comrades of the 8th Vermont pre-  
sented to Post Chamberlain a hand-  
somer framed and life-like portrait of  
General Thomas, with the request that  
it be given a place on the walls of the  
Post room. The picture was received  
with rounds of applause. His has been  
a long life, said the speaker, and his  
works do follow him. All too soon  
monuments and pictures will be all we  
shall have left of our comrades, save  
the memories of the noble work they  
did. In Gen. Thomas we have the  
ideal citizen, soldier, patriot; the hero  
of many battles, brave, cool, command-  
ing, great.

Commander Bullard in behalf of  
Post Chamberlain received the portrait  
of the great commander with thank-  
fulness, but with smothered sorrow.  
He recalled the days of Winchester,  
Cedar Creek, etc., declared that Thom-  
as anticipated Sheridan's famous ride  
and order with his "Fall in 2d brigade!  
Fall in 8th Vermont!" This is the  
happiest moment of my life, continued  
the Dr. as he introduced the hero of  
the evening.

Gen. Thomas was received with  
great cordiality. He bears his 79  
years well and talked of the work done  
by the 8th Vermont and other state  
troops for over two hours, much of the  
time with great power and eloquence  
though he was somewhat weary. Af-  
ter speaking of the good work done by  
other Vermont soldiers he sketched the  
organization of the 8th in November  
1861; the mud-winter camp at Brat-  
tleboro; the departure in the spring  
for Ship Island; the trip up the Mis-  
sissippi to New Orleans. Here came  
up the negro question, to the solution  
of which Gen. Thompson materially  
contributed, for the first colored reg-  
iment put in the field was organized by  
him. Then followed a very graphic  
narrative of the opening of a Louisiana  
railroad that had been deserted and  
was overgrown with vegetation, the  
clearing the track by seven companies  
of the 8th, rebuilding 20 culverts and  
two miles of the road and a bridge 475  
feet long in a single week. A pathetic  
story of seven southern Germans who  
enlisted in the Union army and were  
afterwards captured and shot, was fol-  
lowed with the story of cotton steamer  
Monroe, the protection of Washington,  
the marching and counter-marching in  
Virginia, and the glorious work done  
at Winchester and at Cedar Creek,  
closing with the story of the shooting  
of four color bearers at the latter place.  
The General was repeatedly applauded  
and he stood the strain of the long ad-  
dress admirably.

Letters of regret were read from  
Geo. H. Carpenter, Gen. Gilmore and  
ex-Gov. Barstow, there was music by  
the band, etc. The reunion was  
very successful. The brave General  
Thomas has hosts of friends here.

## Republican Flag Raising.

The republicans raised a campaign  
flag on Tuesday afternoon in front  
of the Athenaeum before a large and en-  
thusiastic audience. The drum corps  
furnished the music and when the new  
flag, 26 by 36 feet, swung to the breeze  
the crowd gave three lusty cheers and  
a tiger. Judge Walter P. Smith then  
introduced Gen. Stephen Thomas of  
Montpelier who spoke eloquently for  
nearly 30 minutes. The speaker said  
this flag, and the ticket on it meant  
protection to American labor and also  
to those who had saved the republic.  
Any more vetoes of pension bills must  
be made between now and March 4,  
1889. Gen. Thomas said he had voted  
for every president since 1832, was a  
democrat until the war, but since then  
he was for the country regardless of  
party. Protection carried Oregon and  
it will carry New York too. In clos-  
ing he referred very tenderly to the  
sorrow of the late war, and urged all  
present to work for the party that  
saved our flag and preserved the Union.

## THE REPUBLICANS RATIFY.

Hon. Frank Plumley Discusses the Is-  
sues of the Campaign.

The republicans ratified the Chicago  
nominations Tuesday evening in Mu-  
sic hall. The attendance was small,  
probably due in a measure to the heat  
of the day and preceding night. Presi-  
dent Carl Spencer of the county  
committee, Capt. Blair of the commit-  
tee reading the call. Prayer was offer-  
ed by Rev. T. P. Frost of the Metho-  
dist church, who prayed for "no party  
and no creed," and for deliverance from  
"partisan narrowness." The county  
committee presented W. P. Smith of  
St. Johnsbury as a candidate for per-  
manent chairman of the convention and  
he was elected by acclamation, Charles  
Rogers of Wheelock and Pringle Gib-  
son of Ryegate escorting him to the  
chair.

Judge Smith on assuming the chair  
delivered a ringing speech on the situ-  
ation and the outlook. It was a cheer-  
ing thought, he said, that this conven-  
tion, meeting in a small part of a small  
state, forms a component part of a  
mighty force in the nation. We belong  
to a party that after 30 years of demo-  
cratic rule assumed the reins of govern-  
ment and piloted it through the great-  
est contest the world ever saw, re-unit-  
ing it under the old flag, and for a  
quarter of a century so fostered its in-  
stitutions and developed its resources  
that it occupies a grand place in his-  
tory and a fame world wide. Some say  
the party has outlived its usefulness,  
but it has not lost its fidelity to the in-  
terests of the country; certainly, un-  
like many parties it can point with  
pride to its past record. It is still a  
live party. It believes in something.  
Its platform of principles recently  
enunciated is so plain that he who runs  
may read and he who reads may un-  
derstand; its meaning is not hid in  
ambiguous language but is a candid  
statement of the parties' principles.

(1) The party believes this country is  
for Americans, supporting the institu-  
tions of this country, and it is not an  
annex to any foreign power or poten-  
tate. It is for protecting our own in-  
dustries and our own laborers. (2)  
The party is for granting every voter  
everywhere a free ballot, the right to  
deposit it unmolested and the right to  
have it honestly counted. (3) The  
platform is broad enough for all to  
stand on. The temperance party so  
far as its members would crush the  
liquor traffic is right, but if all the li-  
quor in the land were swept away there  
would still be something to do to sus-  
tain our institutions. They should  
join with us in this issue. Vermont,  
he said in conclusion, was a small state  
but her voice can and should be heard  
the country over at her state election  
when it should return a majority of  
28,000 or 30,000.

Hon. H. C. Ide was called out and  
introduced by the chairman as "one of  
the delegates to the national convention  
where Vermont covered herself all over  
with glory without the loss of a sin-  
gle man." After thanking the republi-  
cans of the county for the honor con-  
ferred upon him as their delegate to  
Chicago, Mr. Ide proceeded to explain  
Vermont's part in the Chicago conven-  
tion. Out of confusion, strife, chaos,  
anxiety came union, harmony and a  
result that means victory next Novem-  
ber. With two letters of declination  
in the field from Mr. Blaine the Ver-  
mont delegation felt it unjust to him-  
self, the party and the other candi-  
dates to support Mr. Blaine. On Mon-  
day before the convention the delega-  
tion voted to surrender all individual  
preferences and to consolidate upon  
one man. The question then arose who  
was the strongest candidate today in  
the republican party. There was al-  
most too much good material to choose  
from. After considering the merits of  
all the candidates we said to the dele-  
gates from Indiana, "We mail our flag  
here under this leader. Here we fight  
and we fight for victory." So Vermont  
stood first and last for Benjamin Har-  
rison. He it was who could carry the  
doubtful state of Indiana as he had  
carried it in 1886.

The democrats find two objections to  
our candidate. They say we nominat-  
ed him because he had a grandfather.  
Well, he had an ancestor who sat with  
Oliver Cromwell upon Charles the  
First, but we did not nominate for that  
reason or for the other. The second  
objection they find is that he left the  
service in war-time to run for office.  
Let us see if this is true. He left his  
office as reporter of the supreme court  
to enter the war. The democrats put  
him out of office while he was at the  
front and the republicans nominated  
him again for the office. Abraham  
Lincoln said to him: "You have been  
fighting the democrats faithfully at  
the front; we will give you 30 days to  
lick the democrats at home." In clos-  
ing Mr. Ide urged all to rally around  
the ticket and stand united.

After the conclusion of Mr. Ide's ad-  
dress the organization of the conven-  
tion was completed by the election of  
Charles T. Walter as secretary. On  
motion of Harry Blodgett it was voted  
that the nominating committee consist  
of two from each town in the county  
and one additional for each 100 or frac-  
tion of 100 over 50 that voted the re-  
publican ticket in 1884. This gave a  
nominating committee of 64. A com-  
mittee of five on resolutions was ap-  
pointed by the chair consisting of  
George Boyce of Burke, G. P. Blair of  
West Barnet, H. C. Ide of St. Johns-  
bury, L. D. Hathaway of Hardwick, J.  
H. George of East Hardwick.

## County Convention.

Enthusiastic Republicans.—The Speech-  
es, Resolutions and Nominations.

The republican county convention  
Tuesday was well attended and very  
enthusiastic. Good speeches were  
made and everything passed off har-  
moniously. Convention was called to  
order by Alex. Dunnett of the county  
committee, Capt. Blair of the commit-  
tee reading the call. Prayer was offer-  
ed by Rev. T. P. Frost of the Metho-  
dist church, who prayed for "no party  
and no creed," and for deliverance from  
"partisan narrowness." The county  
committee presented W. P. Smith of  
St. Johnsbury as a candidate for per-  
manent chairman of the convention and  
he was elected by acclamation, Charles  
Rogers of Wheelock and Pringle Gib-  
son of Ryegate escorting him to the  
chair.

Judge Smith on assuming the chair  
delivered a ringing speech on the situ-  
ation and the outlook. It was a cheer-  
ing thought, he said, that this conven-  
tion, meeting in a small part of a small  
state, forms a component part of a  
mighty force in the nation. We belong  
to a party that after 30 years of demo-  
cratic rule assumed the reins of govern-  
ment and piloted it through the great-  
est contest the world ever saw, re-unit-  
ing it under the old flag, and for a  
quarter of a century so fostered its in-  
stitutions and developed its resources  
that it occupies a grand place in his-  
tory and a fame world wide. Some say  
the party has outlived its usefulness,  
but it has not lost its fidelity to the in-  
terests of the country; certainly, un-  
like many parties it can point with  
pride to its past record. It is still a  
live party. It believes in something.  
Its platform of principles recently  
enunciated is so plain that he who runs  
may read and he who reads may un-  
derstand; its meaning is not hid in  
ambiguous language but is a candid  
statement of the parties' principles.

(1) The party believes this country is  
for Americans, supporting the institu-  
tions of this country, and it is not an  
annex to any foreign power or poten-  
tate. It is for protecting our own in-  
dustries and our own laborers. (2)  
The party is for granting every voter  
everywhere a free ballot, the right to  
deposit it unmolested and the right to  
have it honestly counted. (3) The  
platform is broad enough for all to  
stand on. The temperance party so  
far as its members would crush the  
liquor traffic is right, but if all the li-  
quor in the land were swept away there  
would still be something to do to sus-  
tain our institutions. They should  
join with us in this issue. Vermont,  
he said in conclusion, was a small state  
but her voice can and should be heard  
the country over at her state election  
when it should return a majority of  
28,000 or 30,000.

Hon. H. C. Ide was called out and  
introduced by the chairman as "one of  
the delegates to the national convention  
where Vermont covered herself all over  
with glory without the loss of a sin-  
gle man." After thanking the republi-  
cans of the county for the honor con-  
ferred upon him as their delegate to  
Chicago, Mr. Ide proceeded to explain  
Vermont's part in the Chicago conven-  
tion. Out of confusion, strife, chaos,  
anxiety came union, harmony and a  
result that means victory next Novem-  
ber. With two letters of declination  
in the field from Mr. Blaine the Ver-  
mont delegation felt it unjust to him-  
self, the party and the other candi-  
dates to support Mr. Blaine. On Mon-  
day before the convention the delega-  
tion voted to surrender all individual  
preferences and to consolidate upon  
one man. The question then arose who  
was the strongest candidate today in  
the republican party. There was al-  
most too much good material to choose  
from. After considering the merits of  
all the candidates we said to the dele-  
gates from Indiana, "We mail our flag  
here under this leader. Here we fight  
and we fight for victory." So Vermont  
stood first and last for Benjamin Har-  
rison. He it was who could carry the  
doubtful state of Indiana as he had  
carried it in 1886.

The democrats find two objections to  
our candidate. They say we nominat-  
ed him because he had a grandfather.  
Well, he had an ancestor who sat with  
Oliver Cromwell upon Charles the  
First, but we did not nominate for that  
reason or for the other. The second  
objection they find is that he left the  
service in war-time to run for office.  
Let us see if this is true. He left his  
office as reporter of the supreme court  
to enter the war. The democrats put  
him out of office while he was at the  
front and the republicans nominated  
him again for the office. Abraham  
Lincoln said to him: "You have been  
fighting the democrats faithfully at  
the front; we will give you 30 days to  
lick the democrats at home." In clos-  
ing Mr. Ide urged all to rally around  
the ticket and stand united.

After the conclusion of Mr. Ide's ad-  
dress the organization of the conven-  
tion was completed by the election of  
Charles T. Walter as secretary. On  
motion of Harry Blodgett it was voted  
that the nominating committee consist  
of two from each town in the county  
and one additional for each 100 or frac-  
tion of 100 over 50 that voted the re-  
publican ticket in 1884. This gave a  
nominating committee of 64. A com-  
mittee of five on resolutions was ap-  
pointed by the chair consisting of  
George Boyce of Burke, G. P. Blair of  
West Barnet, H. C. Ide of St. Johns-  
bury, L. D. Hathaway of Hardwick, J.  
H. George of East Hardwick.

## Two Inflammatory Fires.